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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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described and claimed in the specification:

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as Application No.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code § 119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s) filed within one year prior to this application are hereby claimed:

Europe

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The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior this application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s):

## None

I hereby appoint the following as my attorney of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office:

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Application or Patent No: Filed or Issued:

February 8, 2000

For:

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## STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(F) and 1.27(c))- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

the owner of the small business concern identified below:

an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below: X

NAME OF CONCERN

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ADRESS OF CONCERN

The above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18 and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purpose of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purpose of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

Rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled: Contact Piece

by inventor (s) described in

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If the right held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

\*NOTE: Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27)

**FULL NAME** 

**ADRESS** 

INDIVIDUAL

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

**FULL NAME** 

**ADRESS** 

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN INDIVIDUAL

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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